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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF TEMPORARY RICE STORAGE FACILITIES IN  
HONG KONG

REF: PHNOM PENH 4511

1. THERE APPEARS TO BE SUFFICIENT STORAGE CAPACITY IN HONG  
KONG TO STORE UP TO 50,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE ON SHORT-TERM BASIS.

2. REASON FOR AVAILABILITY AT THIS TIME IS THAT HONG KONG HAS  
GODOWN (WAREHOUSE) CAPACITY FOR APPROX. 120,000 M.T. OF RICE,  
BUT HAS ONLY ABOUT 70,000 M.T. ON HAND. WITH NO CURRENT PROBLEMS IN  
MEETING IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FROM MAJOR SUPPLIERS PRC AND  
THAILAND, HONG KONG IMPORTERS HAVE TENDED TO REDUCE STOCKS.

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(SHOULD IMPORT PRICES START RISING, HOWEVER, THERE COULD BE CHANGE

IN THAT SITUATION.)

3. MONTHLY STORAGE FEES PER 100-KG BAG HK\$1.50-1.60.

4. OFFLOADING AND ONLOADING CHARGES PER METERIC TON AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FROM SHIP INTO LIGHTER, HK\$12.00; (B) LIGHTER INTO GODOWN, HK\$25.00; (C) GODOWN INTO LIGHTER, HK\$25.00; AND (D) LIGHTER ONTO SHIP, HK\$12.00.

5. OTHER REQUIRED

CHARGES: FIRE INSURANCE WHILE IN GODOWN

AT 7 TENTHS OF 1 PERCENT PER ANNUM (OF DECLARED VALUED).

6. NOTE: DIFFICULT TO GIVE US\$-EQUIVALENTS BECAUSE OF RECENT AND CURRENT SHARP FLUCTUATIONS IN US\$-HK\$ EXCHANGE. US\$-RATE HAS RANGED FROM HK\$4.60 TO HK\$4.90 IN PAST TWO MONTHS (COMPARED TO MID-NOVEMBER 1974 WHEN RATE AT APPROX. HK\$5.00 PER US\$1.00). SUGGEST USE HK\$4.70 PER US\$1.00 IN MAKING US\$-ESTIMATES IF PLAN WERE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN NEAR FUTURE. HOPEFULLY, ALTHOUGH NOT CERTAINLY, RATE WILL NOT AGAIN DROP MUCH BELOW HK\$4.70.  
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